

RESOLUTION OF BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AMENDING SOUTH COVE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN TO INCLUDE WIDENING OF THE EASTERLY SIDE OF WASHINGTON STREET.

WHEREAS under the South Cove Urban Renewal Plan, Project No. Mass. R-92, the acquisition of property on the westerly side of Washington Street is proposed for the widening of said street all as shown on the Disposition Plan attached to said Plan as Exhibit "E" and made a part thereof;

WHEREAS further engineering studies have demonstrated the need to widen the easterly side of such street;

WHEREAS the proposed widening on the easterly side of such street is shown on a revised Disposition Plan and a revised Property Plan, both dated August 2, 1967, duly presented to this meeting; and

WHEREAS the amendment proposed is a minor change to the Urban Renewal Plan and may be adopted within the discretion of the Authority pursuant to Section 1201 of said Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that:

Pursuant to Section 1201 thereof, the South Cove Urban Renewal Plan is hereby amended by having the Disposition and Property Plans changed to show the widening of Washington Street on the easterly side thereof as shown on the attached Disposition and Property Plans dated August 2, 1967.

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August 2, 1967

Mr. Edward J. Logue
Boston Redevelopment Authority
City Hall Annex
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Logue:

The South Cove Urban Renewal Plan provides for the widening of Washington Street. I understand that the design of the foundations and columns for the Tufts-New England Medical Center building expansion in the Washington Street area in the South Cove, the design of the new South Cove MBTA subway, and the design of the reconstruction of Washington Street have reached a point where it has become clear to all concerned, including the Medical Center, that part of the proposed widening of Washington Street under the South Cove Urban Renewal Plan must take place on the east side of that street between parcels P-6 and P-4, as shown on the South Cove Disposition Plan, over a narrow strip of Medical Center property.

We at the Medical Center realize that this widening is clearly to the advantage of the Medical Center, and we join with the other interested parties in requesting that an amendment to the South Cove Urban Renewal Plan be made to show the additional properties along Washington Street that will become subject to acquisition under the Plan. In consideration of the benefit to the Medical Center resulting from the reconstruction of Washington Street, we hereby waive any right to severance damages that may arise as a result of Boston Redevelopment Authority's acquisition of that portion of our properties along Washington Street above described.

This adjustment in the alignment of Washington Street will not affect, except perhaps in timing, the Medical Center's original plans to vacate and demolish the existing Medical Center-owned buildings along Washington Street as part of our expansion program. We will continue to assume responsibility for issuing notices to vacate to the occupants of these properties and we will use our best efforts to clear the properties in question prior to scheduled dates of development. We understand

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that with the proposed change in the alignment of Washington Street, the timing of our action on at least one of our Washington Street parcels may be determined by the scheduled date of street construction. At the same time, we understand that the proposed amendment of the plan to accomplish this new alignment of Washington Street will reenforce the Boston Redevelopment Authority's position that the businesses occupying affected properties are eligible for relocation payments pursuant to federal regulations and this, in turn, will assist us in vacating the properties.

Sincerely,

TUFTS-NEW ENGLAND MEDICAL
CENTER

By John R. Quarles,
John R. Quarles, Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Boston Redevelopment Authority

FROM: Edward J. Logue, Development Administrator

SUBJECT: South Cove, Mass. R-92
Urban Renewal Plan Amendment
Amendment to South Cove Urban Renewal Plan
to Show Widening of Washington Street

The South Cove Urban Renewal Plan provides for a widening of Washington Street along its entire length in South Cove and calls for institutional development, specifically by Tufts-New England Medical Center, on both sides of Washington Street in the vicinity of its intersection with Stuart and Kneeland Streets. The Plan also indicates that the proposed new MBTA subway to replace the Forest Hills elevated will pass under Washington Street in the same area as the Medical Center development.

The design of the proposed reconstruction of Washington Street, of the Medical Center expansion, and of the subway have to be closely coordinated. In some locations the foundations for Medical Center buildings, as well as for other buildings along the subway must directly relate to the subway structure and to the alignment of Washington Street. Detailed designing of these elements have reached a point where it is clear that for these elements to work together some of the original widening of Washington Street has to take place on the east side of the street on Medical Center property, as well as on the west side.

The Medical Center agrees that this change in alignment in Washington Street is to their advantage and that they have no objection to our acquiring land to carry out the proposed widening. A copy of a letter from the Medical Center is attached.

I recommend approval of the attached resolution amending the South Cove Urban Renewal Plan to show on the Disposition Map and on the Property Map (which are part of the Plan) the additional properties to be acquired for the street widening.

A further result of the proposed amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan is confirmation of the eligibility of the nine businesses now located in the effected Medical Center properties to receive relocation payments pursuant to Federal regulations. Such eligibility is already suggested by the MBTA subway construction to take place directly underneath the affected businesses.

